

MR. CAMERON - OPENING ADDRESS

1 you know, no one could see the importance of telling that  
2 to the public. But yet, it was quite important to try to  
3 link a bus in Pine Tree to this project. I just make  
4 those examples to show that maybe, maybe there was  
5 another motive in some of the writings.

6 The public have been well briefed on the political  
7 side and the political allegations. Some people want you  
8 to believe that this project was all about getting me  
9 elected in 1988. That we put this project together in a  
10 hurry, in a rush. That I had to have a press conference  
11 just prior to the election in 1988. Well, let's look at  
12 some of those allegations.

13 An effort to open a coal mine was started back in  
14 the 1970s in Pictou County to deal with a very serious  
15 pollution problem at the Trenton generating plant. This  
16 pollution was documented for everyone to see, well  
17 documented for everyone to see. The local papers were  
18 filled with articles about the damage from the pollution.  
19 The file I have is over one-inch thick of clippings. A  
20 greenhouse in that area had to be closed down because the  
21 emissions from the sulphur were burning the leaves of the  
22 plants.

23 A report by Department of Environment in 1975, that  
24 I gave to you last summer, Mr. Merrick, that 1975  
25 Department of Environment report said this about the